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SENATE MEETING
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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Mr. Hancock and Mr. F. L. D. Holmes, who were away on off-campus duties. Mr. Barber attended the meeting to represent the Speech Department.

The President called attention to the fact that it had been found necessary to partition the south portion of M-104 so as to provide consultation rooms for the Department of Mathematics and an office for the Director of Housing.

Department heads were asked at their staff meetings to give consideration to budget needs for the next biennium. Faculty members should be asked to think in terms of materials and services necessary in the best interest of teacher education. Departments should take an over-all view of their needs, as well as general needs of the University, and provide the President with suggestions by this summer. Experience has indicated that many times desirable matters are overlooked until it is too late, and they are not provided for in the budget. Suggestions should be provided to the President in writing either directly from faculty members or through department heads.

The next item considered was whether or not student political party organizations should be permitted on the campus. After considerable discussion, Mr. Gooding moved that Illinois State Normal University students interested in politics may organize and use University facilities for their meetings. Dean Linkins seconded the motion, and it was carried.

President Fairchild announced that cards of notification concerning assignments and salaries for those teaching in intersession or the regular summer session will be placed in post office boxes very soon.

The President announced that part of the copy for the summer session bulletin has been taken to the print shop, and that additional copy will be ready soon. It is expected that 15,000 preliminary announcements for the summer session bulletin will be available for distribution by March 15. At a later date preliminary announcements for high school graduates will be available.

President Fairchild discussed the wisdom of making it possible for departments to have both teaching fields in the one department. He indicated that too much was involved in the situation to make a change this year. He asked Mr. Carrington's reaction concerning the matter. Mr. Carrington indicated that he had had criticism from the field that our students are over-specialized, that in most cases two fields are necessary, and that he thought it desirable to study the whole picture of teacher education rather than to continue to make isolated changes here and there. President Fairchild reminded department heads in this connection that requests for changes that involve considerable study and thought should be made much earlier in the year than is usually the case.

The President next discussed the situation with reference to withdrawals. He said that faculty members should not donate grades to students, but should be willing to help them and should recognize various levels of ability, interest, and background. He asked that departments study the situation, especially with reference to students who are very active in extra-curricular activities such as music, athletics, etc. where the University is handicapped by wrong impressions and discouraged students.

The President indicated that he had hoped time would permit the discussion of student teaching in general, but with special reference to the elementary level, and asked

the secretary to list it on the agenda for the next meeting. He asked also that retention of students be listed on the agenda for further consideration.

Dean De Young announced that faculty members will receive individual schedules for the intersession and the summer session from his office very soon. He called attention to the fact that assignments to teach are not contractual arrangements since the latter come from the President. The Dean also announced that programs for the summer session should be made during April, and that offerings for the first semester of next year should be reported to his office early in April. The Dean raised questions concerning the schedule for next year when the student enrollment might be 2250, and indicated that it might be necessary to excuse student teachers from assembly and have them meet as a group with Mr. Carrington since there are to be but two assemblies each week. He also suggested that, in order to take care of student teaching needs, additional work in off-campus student teaching be considered in a few departments.

President Fairchild announced that his office will be glad to let anyone interested see the mimeographed five-year plan of the State Board of Vocational Education which shows that Illinois State Normal University is qualified for the education of teachers of Vocational Agriculture.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman
Secretary

Agenda for April meeting:

Student Teaching
Retention of Students
Suggestions for the Accommodation of a Possible 2300 Students